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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING

Held at ECLA Headquarters, Santiago, Chile,
on Tuesday, 29 March 1960 at 5.10 p.m.

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Commission to the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.12/AC.45/13,
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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. L. MARTY	Chile
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. R. CABAÑAS	Honduras
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. VAILATI	Argentina
	Mr. GUIMARAES	Brazil
	Mr. CASTRILLO	Bolivia
	Mr. RODRIGUEZ)	
	Mr. DIAZ)	Chile
	Mr. CORDOBA	Colombia
	Mr. BOLAÑOS	Costa Rica
	Mr. DIAZ DEL REAL	Cuba
	Mr. ROJAS	Dominican Republic
	Mr. MIXCO	El Salvador
	Mr. d'AURELLES DE PALADINES	France
	Mr. ORELLANA	Guatemala
	Mr. FAREAU	Haiti
	Mr. CABAÑAS	Honduras
	Mr. CANO	Mexico
	Mr. HENRIQUEZ	Netherlands
	Mr. ABRAHAMAS	Panama
	Mr. CONCHONAL	Paraguay
	Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA	Peru
	Mr. PINK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. FAVELL	United States of America
	Mr. VASQUEZ	Uruguay
	Mr. CIFUENTES	Venezuela
<u>Associate member:</u>		
	Mr. LA CORBINIERE	West Indies

/Representatives of

Representatives of States Members of the United Nations, not members of the Commission, attending in a consultative capacity:

Mr. ZEDTWITZ	Austria
Mr. MADDICK	Canada
Mr. VICZENIK)	
Mr. SOOS)	Hungary
Mr. ANDO)	
Mr. KUNIHIRO)	Japan
Mr. TRAMPUZ	Yugoslavia

Representative of a State not Member of the United Nations, attending in a consultative capacity:

Mr. ENGELS	Federal Republic of Germany
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Also present:

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. CASSAN	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Mr. SCHROEDER	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Mr. JONES	International Monetary Fund
Mr. ZAKRZEWSKI	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Dr. BUDNIK	World Health Organisation (WHO)

Representatives of inter-governmental organizations:

Mr. REY ALVAREZ	Inter-American Economic and Social Council (IA-ECOSOC)
Mr. FARAONI	Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM)

/Representatives of

Representatives of Non-Governmental
Organizations:

Mr. RUIZ BOURGEOIS	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
Mr. GOLDSACK	International Federation of Christian Trade Unions (IFCTU)
Mr. SOTO	World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)
Mr. VARAS	World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director
Mr. TRANCART	Secretary of the Commission
Mr. VALDES	Deputy Secretary of the Commission
Mr. IVOVICH	Director of the Division of Trade Policy
Mr. BERTHOUD	Director of the Division of Social Affairs

/ACCEPTANCE OF

ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Credentials Committee, acting in accordance with rule 14 of the Commission's rules of procedure, had found the credentials of the Delegations attending the seventh session of the Committee of the Whole, as presented to the Executive Secretary, to be in good and due form.

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

Inter-American conference on education and economic and social development (Conference Room Paper No.6)

Mr. ZAKRZEWSKI (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) stated with reference to the draft resolution submitted by the delegations of Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico (Conference Room Paper No.6), that it was obviously desirable for the complex relations between general and vocational education and social and economic conditions in Latin America to be investigated more thoroughly. Only then would it be possible for the steps being taken in the field of education to be properly directed or redirected to better advantage. For that purpose, it was necessary, first, to gather more information for the specialists in each country who were responsible for the technical programming of educational, social and economic development and, secondly, to co-ordinate the activities of departments, university faculties and research centres. The basic information thence obtained would, if widely diffused, enlighten public opinion and gain the support of the different social forces for national development programmes. Convinced of the value of the idea, and in pursuance of the recommendation formulated by the Inter-American Seminar on Over-all Planning for Education (Washington, June 1958), UNESCO had taken the initiative of convening an inter-American conference on the relationships between education and economic and social development, and had submitted a proposal to that effect to the preparatory meeting held at Rio de Janeiro in October 1959. The report of that meeting had been approved in principle by representative of the ILO, FAO, UNESCO, ECLA and WHO, and adopted by the inter-governmental consultative committee for the principal educational project for Latin America.

/Mr. BERTHOUD

Mr. BERTHOUD (Secretariat) pointed out that in No.10 of the annotated list of projects contained in the "Programme of work and priorities 1959-60" (E/CN.12/AC.45/9), the secretariat had recognized the great importance that should be attached to UNESCO's proposal "in view of the need to improve and expand education in all its aspects as a necessary condition for promoting a well-balanced economic and social progress". The same concern had been expressed by the Executive Secretary in his statement to the Committee of the Whole at the opening meeting on the previous day. To prepare for the conference in question the secretariat might undertake to analyse the problem of the relation between economic structures and educational factors, one aspect of which would be the question of the levels of education which the labour force would need to attain if the active population were to become capable of making an effective contribution to economic development. In order to carry out such a study, advantage might be taken of the resources at the secretariat's disposal in its Social Affairs Division, and the collaboration of the Regional Centre for Demographic Training and Research in Latin America might be sought. The United Nations Bureau of Social Affairs, moreover, had expressed its willingness to help with the organization of the proposed conference and to take part in the proceedings.

Mr. REY ALVAREZ (Inter-American Economic and Social Council) declared that the Organization of American States was also greatly interested in the project under discussion and would be pleased to participate in its implementation.

The draft resolution (E/CN.12/AC.45/21) was adopted unanimously
Co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa (E/CN.12/AC.45/12)
and Conference Room Paper No.1)

Mr. WAGNER DE REYNA (Peru), acting on the basis of the secretariat's statements in document E/CN.12/AC.45/12 on co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa in the training of economists and statisticians, as requested by that Commission, presented a draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No.1) requesting the secretariat to render such co-operation.

The draft resolution (E/CN.12/AC.45/22) was adopted unanimously

Seminar on urbanization problems in Latin America

Mr. ZAKRZEWSKI (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) stated, in connexion with project No.3(iv) on the programme of work, that UNESCO approved the recommendations formulated in the report of the Seminar on Urbanization Problems in Latin America, held at Santiago, Chile, from 6 to 18 July 1959 (E/CN.12/URB.26/Rev.1 - UNESCO/SS/URB/LA/26/Rev.1), and took for granted that the secretariat and member Governments would continue to devote attention to the serious economic, social and human consequences deriving from the rapid rate of growth of the urban population in Latin America.

Relations with the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production
(Conference Room Paper No.9)

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Chile) stated that the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production (CICYP), whose secretariat was in Montevideo, was doing an increasing amount of valuable work on the study of economic development problems and the expansion of Latin America's foreign trade, in close contact with the Economic Commission for Latin America. The co-operation between the two bodies had also found expression in other activities, such as the studies concerning the projected Latin American common market. In order that relations between ECLA and CICYP might be more continuously and effectively maintained, his delegation had presented a draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No.9) inviting the latter to participate in future sessions of the Commission and recommending the secretariat to take the points of view of CICYP into account in all work of interest to both organizations.

Mr. VASQUEZ (Uruguay) seconded the draft resolution presented by the delegation of Chile.

The draft resolution (E/CN.12/AC.45/23) was adopted unanimously

Programme of work and priorities 1959-60 (E/CN.12/AC.45/9 and Corr.1 and Conference Room Paper No.11) and control and limitation of documents (E/CN.12/AC.45/11)

The CHAIRMAN submitted to the consideration of the Committee of the Whole the programme of work and priorities 1959-60 presented by the secretariat (E/CN.12/AC.45/9 and Corr.1); the secretariat's statement on the preliminary financial implications of the work programme (Conference Room Paper No.11) arising out of the co-operation requested under the terms of the Montevideo Treaty and the projected conference on education in relation to economic and social development; and the note by the secretariat on control and limitation of documents (E/CN.12/AC.45/11).

Mr. VASQUEZ (Uruguay) thought it highly necessary, for the purposes of the Free-Trade Area, to carry out as complete as possible a comparative study of customs tariffs, classification of goods, and all matters relating to customs practices from the standpoint of legislation and regulations, to cover all Latin American countries. He asked the secretariat to elucidate the point.

Mr. IVOVICH (Secretariat) explained that the comparative survey suggested by the representative of Uruguay was implicit in the studies already undertaken by the secretariat on the common market and the payments system, with a view to the co-ordination and simplification of prevailing systems of customs tariffs and duties (as listed in project No.31(ii)).

Mr. FAVELL (United States of America) congratulated the secretariat on the programme of work presented, which had been approved by his Government. Its approval, however, did not imply any promise or commitment with respect to the financing of the programme.

Mr. HENRIQUEZ (Netherlands) expressed the gratitude of the Government of Surinam for the research on the pulp and paper industry carried out in its territory by the FAO/TAO/ECLA Advisory Group, whose report was awaited with the greatest possible interest. He likewise declared that, as the Government of Surinam had important projects afoot in connexion with energy and water resources, it was also interested in the seminar on electric energy which was planned for January 1961.

/Mr. RUIZ

Mr. RUIZ BOURGEOIS (International Chamber of Commerce), having been invited by the Chairman to take the floor, expressed the opinion that, although the programme of work included the study of partial aspects of the transport question, it was essential that a thorough study be made of the whole wide subject, covering road, rail, air and sea transport. The development of the transport system was an indispensable prerequisite for the promotion of trade, particularly in Latin America, where international means of communication were scanty. He suggested that the secretariat should take such problems into account in its future studies and programmes, and that, if possible it should convene a seminar of experts on transport and communications to supplement its studies and activities relating to the Latin American common market or to the Latin America Free-Trade Association.

The programme of work and priorities 1959-60 (E/CN.12/AC.45/9 and Corr.1 and Conference Room Paper N° 11) was adopted unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/CN.12/AC.45/13 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

Mr. CABAÑAS (Honduras), Rapporteur, presented the annual report of the Commission (E/CN.12/AC.45/13) and read out the sections containing the account of proceedings of the current session.

Mr. REY ALVAREZ (Inter-American Economic and Social Council) requested inclusion in the annual report of a note to the effect that the Chilean Government's proposal with regard to the convening of a conference on the limitation and balance of armaments, mentioned at the end of paragraph 155 of the report, would be submitted to the Organization of American States.

Mr. TRANCART (Secretary of the Commission) said that that would be done.

Mr. ORELLANA (Guatemala) suggested that the international co-operative movement, consisting of over 400,000 members, should be invited to take part in the Commission's future activities.

Mr. CABAÑAS (Honduras) pointed out that the word "preparatory" in paragraph 205 of the annual report should be deleted in view of the present stage of the UNESCO-sponsored conference on education to which the paragraph referred.

/Seminar of

Seminar of transport experts (Conference Room Paper No.12 and Rev.1)

Mr. CANO (Mexico) presented the draft resolution sponsored by the delegations of Chile and Mexico (Conference Room Paper No.12) in which it was recommended that the secretariat should convene a seminar of experts to study the problem of intraregional transport, particularly by sea, with the co-operation of the Latin American Governments and of the international bodies and Non-Governmental Organizations competent in that field.

The CHAIRMAN said that, as the item was not included in the agenda, a vote would have to be taken on the questions of its consideration, in accordance with rule 11 of the Commission's rules of procedure.

It was unanimously decided to consider the item.

Mr. PINK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) said that he was surprised that an item as important as the one proposed by the representatives of Chile and Mexico should have been submitted to the Committee at the last minute and without any of the other delegations having been previously informed thereof. However that might be, the proposed seminar should not be restricted to the Latin American Governments but should be open to all the members of the Commission.

Mr. d'AURELLE DE PALADINES (France) concurred with the view expressed by the United Kingdom representative.

Mr. CASTRILLO (Bolivia) suggested that the meeting should be suspended briefly to allow an ad hoc working group to consider the draft resolution in order to improve the text and bring it into line with the position taken by the representatives of the United Kingdom and France before it was put to the vote.

Mr. VASQUEZ (Uruguay) supported the proposal.

The CHAIRMAN agreed that the meeting should be suspended and proposed that the working group should consist of the representatives of Bolivia, Chile, France, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Uruguay.

It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 7.5 p.m. and was resumed at 7.50 p.m.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN announced that the working group now sponsored the draft resolution submitted earlier by the delegations of Chile and Mexico and proposed that it should be recommended to the secretariat that, consistently with its resources, it convene a seminar of experts to study the problem of intraregional transport with the co-operation of the Governments of members of the Commission and of the international bodies and Non-Governmental Organizations competent in that field (See Conference Room Paper No.12/Rev.1).

Mr. FAVELL (United States of America) said that he would abstain from voting in view of the importance of the item and the fact that he had not received any instructions from his Government.

Mr. REY ALVAREZ (Inter-American Economic and Social Council) observed that the inter-governmental organization which he represented was at present studying the transport problem in terms of the proposed Latin American common market and on the basis of an adequately financed project.

The draft resolution (E/CN.12/AC.45/24) was adopted by 21 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. CANO (Mexico) thanked the Committee of the Whole for its consideration of the item and its adoption of the draft resolution.

The annual report (E/CN.12/AC.45/13/Rev.1) was adopted.

Draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should adopt, for action by the Economic and Social Council, the usual draft resolution in which the Council would take note of the annual report of the Commission covering the period 24 May 1959 to 29 March 1960 inclusive and of the resolutions and recommendations included in the account of proceedings of the Committee of the Whole's current session and would endorse the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

The draft resolution was unanimously adopted.

CLOSING SPEECHES

Mr. MIXCO (El Salvador) proposed that before concluding its seventh session the Committee of the Whole should, by acclamation, express its approval of the work done by Dr. Raul Prebisch, the Executive Secretary, and his colleagues in the secretariat of the Commission, and of his effective guidance.

Mr. DIAZ (Chile) supported the proposal.

Mr. VASQUEZ (Uruguay) associated himself with the expression of recognition of the admirable work performed by the entire secretariat which, he felt, should be extended to the Chairman for his efficient conduct of the debates and to the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur for the effective performance of their respective duties.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the admirable work performed by the secretariat, which had contributed to the satisfactory results achieved at the Committee's meetings, and thanked the delegations for the courtesies shown him.

The meeting rose at 8 p.m.